

Troy to run for state representative

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Lake County Commissioner Daniel P. Troy announced Tuesday that he will run for Ohio House of Representatives' 60th District seat next year.

Troy, a Willowick Democrat, previously served as a state representative from 1983 through 1996.

He has been a commissioner since 1999 and before that he served two terms as a Willowick councilman and was elected to two terms as council president before leaving for the Ohio General Assembly. His term as commissioner expires in 2014.

The District 60 boundaries will change in 2013 to consist of Eastlake, Fairport Harbor, Grand River, Lakeline, Mentor Ward 4, Mentor-on-the-Lake,



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Painesville, parts of Painesville Township, Timberlake, Wickliffe, Willoughby and Willowick.

The seat will be open because state Rep. Lorraine M. Fende, D-Willowick, who had represented most of the communities that are now part of House District 62, is ineligible to run again for the new district next year because of term limits.

Troy said the decision to run for state representative was extremely tough because he enjoys being a commissioner.

"On the same hand, I never really lost my love for being a legislator," he said.

"I was respected on both sides of the aisle and able to put together a coalition

of Democrats and Republicans, and honestly, that's what they need right now."

Troy said he would be able to hit the ground running in Columbus because he already knows how the process works and he has a strong record of achievements on the county and state level.

He filed his candidacy petitions Tuesday afternoon with the Lake County Elections Board.

The filing deadline to run for state representative is at 4 p.m. today.

As of Tuesday morning, Willowick Democrat James Helmink and Painesville Councilwoman Lori DiNallo, a Republican, also had filed to run for the seat, according to the elections board.

If Troy wins his party's nomination during the March primary, he would run against a Republican Party challenger in November.

Leroy trustee seeking commissioner's seat

Staff report

Leroy Township Trustee Linda Burhenne announced she has filed candidacy petitions with the Lake County Elections Board to run for county commissioner.

Burhenne, a Republican, will run seeking the term commencing Jan. 3, 2013.

She has served as township trustee for 10 years and previously served eight years as a Riverside Schools board member.

"The current administra-



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tion has failed Lake County taxpayers, a failure that demands the election of a proven fiscal conservative," Burhenne said in a news release.

"I have the right experience and track record of financial stewardship to help guide our county back to responsible spending."

She cites previous work as

a school board member to transform a deficit into a balance without imposing new general fund taxes.

If elected, Burhenne said she would ask the state Auditor's Office to conduct a performance audit of the county and would work to create a county strategic plan.

She has worked for the Geauga County Commissioner's Office for nearly six years and currently is the county archives director who says she reduced her budget

by 24 percent.

As of now, the filing deadline to run for commissioner is Wednesday at 4 p.m.

If Burhenne wins her party's nomination during the March primary, she would run against a Democratic Party challenger in November.

As of Tuesday morning, no other Republicans had filed for the position.

Incumbent Robert E. Aufuldish of Wickliffe is the only Democrat to have filed for the seat.